



## Celebrate July 4th Safely and Lawfully

### What's allowed and what's not:

#### Prohibited:



"Fireworks" means any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket, or other substance or object, of whatever form or construction, that contains any explosive or inflammable compound or substance, and is intended, or commonly known as fireworks, and which explodes, rises into the air or travels laterally, or fires projectiles into the air.

#### Permissible:



"Permissible fireworks" means any sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels commonly known as whirligigs or spinning jennies.

- Do not operate any type of pyrotechnics while under the influence of intoxicants
- Supervise all young children participating in events
- Do not ignite fireworks on dry or flammable grounds
- Keep first aid, fire extinguisher close by
- Review Stop, Drop and Roll in case of emergency
- Have phone ready to call 9-1-1 if needed



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#### Events of Interest

*July 4, Independence Day*

*August 5, National Night Out*

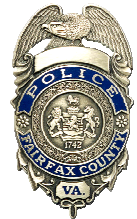
# Habitat for Humanity - Maple Ridge Groundbreaking!



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia is an organization that builds homes for those citizens who have not been able to do so on their own and need assistance. Habitat's goal is to eliminate poverty by building adequate and basic housing.

They have completed yet another mission by building Maple Ridge Condominiums in the Fair Oaks District. On Saturday, July 12th from 11a.m. -1p.m. Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia will host the groundbreaking festivities in celebration of the completion of this project.

We invite you to join the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department in welcoming these nine families into our community. They are to be commended for all their hard work in making their own dreams come true and contributing to the dreams of others in need.



The celebration will be held at the Maple Ridge Condominiums located at 4150 Stevenson Street in Fairfax. Come and enjoy live music from Common Ground, food, face painting and a corn hole tournament.

If you care to contribute to Habitat for Humanity's mission, consider donating your car to them and receive a tax deduction! This is a simple, easy process that allows the organization to raise funds that contribute to their goal. For more information call 877-277-4344 or visit [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)

To donate materials, gently-used furniture, and other home-improvement materials, please call (703) 360-6700 to schedule a pick-up.

For more information on this organization or other events, log on to [www.habitatnova.org/index.htm](http://www.habitatnova.org/index.htm).

For more information contact Myrtle Washington at 703-521-9890 X100 or by e-mail at [mwashington@habitatnova.org](mailto:mwashington@habitatnova.org).



## Saved by the Belt Role Model Honored



On Tuesday, June 24, Roya Ghandchi was recognized for her commitment to traffic safety. She was involved in a very serious head-on crash in January of 2007. If she had not been wearing her seatbelt in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, she MAY HAVE sustained severe injuries and/or died that day. She is a great role model for her children, friends and her community. Buckling our families' seatbelts may seem like routine; something we often take for granted until we meet the Royas in our lives. We are thankful that Ms. Ghandchi walked away from that horrible day.

The Fairfax County Police Department is committed to keeping you safe from harm. Crashes can happen no matter how safe you drive. Remember this story every time you get into a vehicle.

**SEATBELTS**

**SAVE**

**LIVES!**



## SoberRide

This Fourth of July...

Designate a driver or call WRAP's SoberRide  
at 1-800-200-TAXI for a **FREE** taxi **HOME**  
on Friday, July 4th from 4p.m. to 4a.m.



## Don't Leave Pets in Cars This Summer



Animal Control Officers rescued three dogs that had been left in cars when the outside air temperature was 95 F on Saturday, June 7. Fortunately, all of the animals survived. A temperature test performed on that day by the County's Animal Services Division revealed frightening results that could cause heat stroke and even death among pets left in cars exposed to the heat. After just 30 seconds on the 95-degree day, the temperature in a passenger car in a parking lot rose to 107.8 F. After 10 minutes, the temperature had approached 117.5 degrees. "Pets in a car have no way to escape the heat," says Michael Lucas, ASD Acting Commander. "Even with the window cracked open, temperatures can soar leaving pets vulnerable and in a life-threatening situation."

The Fairfax County Animal Services Division asks residents to leave pets at home during hot summer months. People who leave a pet in a car on a hot day could be charged with a class 1 misdemeanor for animal cruelty under the Code of Virginia §3.1-796.122.

### § 3.1-796.122. Cruelty to animals; penalty.

A. Any person who (i) overrides, overdrives, overloads, tortures, ill-treats, abandons, willfully inflicts inhumane injury or pain not connected with bona fide scientific or medical experimentation, or cruelly or unnecessarily beats, maims, mutilates, or kills any animal, whether belonging to himself or another; (ii) deprives any animal of necessary food, drink, shelter or emergency veterinary treatment; (iii) sores any equine for any purpose or administers drugs or medications to alter or mask such sores for the purpose of sale, show, or exhibition of any kind, unless such administration of drugs or medications is within the context of a veterinary client-patient relationship and solely for therapeutic purposes; (iv) willfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal; (v) carries or causes to be carried in or upon any vehicle, vessel or otherwise any animal in a cruel, brutal, or inhumane manner, so as to produce torture or unnecessary suffering; or (vi) causes any of the above things, or being the owner of such animal permits such acts to be done by another, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

If you would like to read this code section in its entirety, check out:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/lispda.htm>.



See...  
curiosity doesn't  
always kill the cat!



# Reminder: National Night Out, August 5th!



## What is National Night Out?

It's America's *Night Out* Against Crime!

The "25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out", a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5, 2008**. We cordially invite you and your community to be a part of our NIGHT OUT 2008 team.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over **34 million** people participated in National Night Out 2007.

The Fairfax County Police Department is proud of its Neighborhood Watch participants and wants to join you in this celebration of our partnership and crime-fighting efforts. These community socials are a good opportunity to make contacts and meet and thank those officers who patrol your communities daily. It is conversely an occasion for us to thank you for your support and passion for a worthwhile and successful program.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate with a variety of events and activities such as:

- block parties,
- cookouts,
- visits from local law enforcement and civic organizations,
- parades, exhibits,
- flashlight walks,
- contests, and
- youth programs.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

**Fair Oaks District community members contact  
MPO Sophia Grinnan to sign up!**

**[sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov)**



# Neighborhood Watch News



Don't forget our last Neighborhood Watch training session in 2008! The October 16th training will be held in the roll call room at the Fair Oaks District Station at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the existing volunteers to take a refresher course as well as to train newcomers. If there is a large group at any given time we may change the venue to the Sully District Station conference room. **Do not forget to RSVP to MPO Sophia Grinnan via e-mail at [sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov).** Training dates for 2009 will be announced in a later edition of our news letter, The Fair Oaks District Community Connection.

**It will be up to each community to provide participants. Only if you have participants should you contact MPO Grinnan. Lack of participation will result in a cancellation. If the session is canceled, you will be notified by an automated response when you e-mail MPO Grinnan. For example: You e-mail and ask if the training will still be presented. After you send the e-mail you will get an automated reply indicating whether it is canceled.**

Neighborhood Watch meetings will reconvene on the last Tuesday of every month, same time and place, beginning in September, 2008. These sessions have proven to be most productive and we look forward to working with you in the Fall. Have a great summer and please keep your safety tips in mind and in practice.

Remember, if you need assistance with community assistance throughout the summer months, please call your Crime Prevention Officers or dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and 703-691-2131 for non-emergency reports.



## CAC NEWS



CAC members, have a great summer and see you September!





## Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



### **§ 18.2-266. Driving motor vehicle, engine, etc., while intoxicated, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train (i) while such person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.08 grams or more per 210 liters of breath as indicated by a chemical test administered as provided in this article, (ii) while such person is under the influence of alcohol, (iii) while such person is under the influence of any narcotic drug or any other self-administered intoxicant or drug of whatsoever nature, or any combination of such drugs, to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, (iv) while such person is under the combined influence of alcohol and any drug or drugs to a degree which impairs his ability to drive or operate any motor vehicle, engine or train safely, or (v) while such person has a blood concentration of any of the following substances at a level that is equal to or greater than: (a) 0.02 milligrams of cocaine per liter of blood, (b) 0.1 milligrams of methamphetamine per liter of blood, (c) 0.01 milligrams of phencyclidine per liter of blood, or (d) 0.1 milligrams of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine per liter of blood. A charge alleging a violation of this section shall support a conviction under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v).

For the purposes of this article, the term "motor vehicle" includes mopeds, while operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth.

### **§ 18.2-266.1. Persons under age 21 driving after illegally consuming alcohol; penalty.**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 to operate any motor vehicle after illegally consuming alcohol. Any such person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.02 percent or more by weight by volume or 0.02 grams or more per 210 liters of breath but less than 0.08 by weight by volume or less than 0.08 grams per 210 liters of breath as indicated by a chemical test administered as provided in this article shall be in violation of this section.

B. A violation of this section shall be punishable by forfeiture of such person's license to operate a motor vehicle for a period of six months from the date of conviction and by a fine of not more than \$500. This suspension period shall be in addition to the suspension period provided under § 46.2-391.2. The penalties and license forfeiture provisions set forth in §§ 16.1-278.9, 18.2-270 and 18.2-271 shall not apply to a violation of this section. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be eligible to attend an Alcohol Safety Action Program under the provisions of § 18.2-271.1 and may, in the discretion of the court, be issued a restricted license during the term of license suspension.

C. Notwithstanding §§ 16.1-278.8 and 16.1-278.9, upon adjudicating a juvenile delinquent based upon a violation of this section, the juvenile and domestic relations district court shall order disposition as provided in subsection B.



### **§ 18.2-266.1 AMENDED.**



**Punishment for underage drinking and driving; penalty.** Provides that "zero tolerance" (0.02% BAC) underage drinking and driving is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. **Currently, the punishment is loss of license for six months and a fine of no more than \$500. This bill provides for forfeiture of such person's license to operate a motor vehicle for a period of one year from the date of conviction and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service.** The bill has a sunset date of July 1, 2010, and provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services will report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees for Courts of Justice on the bill's effect on Virginia's participation under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. HB 719 CH. 72



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**Fairfax County Crime Solvers:**  
1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888

**Fairfax County Police**  
Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131

**Citizen Reporting System**  
(for reports not requiring an officer to respond)  
Call the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131 or report online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) to public safety, police department.



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ADOPT ME PLEASE!

## Features Fabulous Felines for Adoption!

### Fairfax County Animal Shelter Opens Four Sundays in July

ExtravaCATza is back and better than ever for the month of July at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. The fanCATstic cat and kitten adoption event will spotlight Fairfax County's fabulous felines at the shelter located at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax.



Families interested in adopting a cat or kitten are encouraged to drop by the shelter throughout the month of July to meet the wonderful animals that are available and looking for a loving new home. The first 100 cats adopted from the shelter during the month of July will receive a free spay or neuter; a potential savings of between \$70 and \$115 for adopters.

As part of the ExtravaCATza, the shelter is partnering with area animal rescue organizations that will bring their cats and kittens available for adoption, to the shelter on Sundays in July. The adoption process and corresponding fees vary by group.

The shelter will also be open during its normal adoption hours throughout the month: Tuesdays – Fridays, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The special Sunday adoption hours will be from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on July 6, 13, 20 and 27.



For more information about the ExtravaCATza, call the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at (703)830-1100.